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UNCLAS NEW DELHI 7207

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRD,IN,UK

SUBJECT: GOI WILL WITHDRAW U.K. TARIFF PREFERENCES

REF: NEW DELHI 496 (PARA.4)

1. THE GOI HAS DECIDED TO WITHDRAW U.K. TARIFF PREFERENCES, THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN MOST FAVORED NATION DUTY RATES AND THE BRITISH PREFERENTIAL RATES, IN TWO STAGES. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1976 75 PERCENT OF THE TARIFF PREFERENCES WILL BE WITHDRAWN. TERMINATION OF THE PREFERENCES WILL BE EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1977 WHEN BRITAIN IS SCHEDULED TO COMPLETELY "HARMONIZE" ITS TARIFF WITH THE COMMON EXTERNAL TARIFF OF THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY (EEC).

2. U.K. TARIFF PREFERENCES, GENERALLY 10 PERCENT AD VALOREM, WERE PROVIDED UNDER THE 1939 INDO-U.K. TRADE AGREEMENT ON UNCLASSIFIED

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ROUGHLY 13 PERCENT OF TOTAL POSITIONS IN THE INDIAN CUSTOMS

TARIFF SCHEDULE. THIS AGREEMENT WAS TERMINATED IN FEBRUARY 1973 AFTER THE U.K. ENTRY IN THE EEC. THE REVERSE PREFERENCES AVAILABLE TO INDIA ARE BEING WITHDRAWN BY U.K. IN FOUR STAGES AND WILL TERMINATE ON JULY 1, 1977.

3. COMMENT: THE TARIFF PREFERENCES HAVE BEEN OF MARGINAL IMPORTANCE IN RECENT YEARS, AND THEIR TERMINATION IS NOT EXPECTED TO HAVE ANY MAJOR IMPACT ON U.K. INDIA TRADE.SAXBE

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